

Spring Conference Committee Conference Call & Follow-up

10/5/17 & 11/9/17

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Pre-Conference Call Considerations

1. The vast majority of responses to previous conference evaluations have been positive
2. LEAs justifying paying for 2 nights lodging
3. Facility logistics
4. Contract already signed with Hampton Inn for 2 nights
5. Sub pay if we start at noon (problem)
6. Keep 5 concurrent sessions (what they asked for)

Discussion

1. Starting at noon would be too costly for subs
2. Friday night session is too long after teachers having worked then driven to the conference
3. Perhaps we can start the Friday session a little earlier or shorten the session
4. Group activity like in the past (Ralph will review past evaluations)

Findings

1. Regarding job-alike group activities
 - a. Participants liked the networking and meeting others in similar jobs
 - b. Sunday morning presentations/skits were a mixed bag (really liked – to really disliked)

Suggestions

1. Option 1: Keep program as is
2. Option 2: Add group presentation and activity instead of closing speaker
3. Option 3:
 - a. Panel discussions Friday evening instead of a speaker
 - b. heavy hors d'oeuvres
 - c. Send off on a positive note with a keynote speaker on Sunday morning
4. Maybe one of the session time frames could be scheduled for job-alike BT dialogue / panel discussions and have someone capture main points for compilation

Decisions (11/9/17)

1. Start banquet at 6:00 pm Friday, April 27, 2018
 - a. Serve regular meal as in the past
 - b. Conduct a beginning teacher networking activity in lieu of a keynote speaker
2. Remainder of the conference schedule same as last year.
3. Tentative allotments